

# COUNCILMEN ARE BLUFFS, ASSERTS PEEVED MEMBER

Hookway Declares The City Council Lacks Nerve To Finish Undertaking

TELEPHONE QUESTION STARTS HOT DISCUSSION

Rail Case Hangs Over For Special Meeting; City Dads' Doings

"Gentlemen, we come here and talk and argue and never get anywhere," declared Councilman William Hookway at the meeting of the city council Monday night. "We don't do anything and then we go home and the whole city knows something we don't seem to realize and that is that we're a bunch of bluffs. We've a streak of yellow."

Mr. Hookway's denunciation of the council proceedings followed a long and rambling discussion of the proposal to investigate the increase of telephone rates in this city by the Mt. Vernon Telephone Co. This matter has been before council for several weeks, some of the councilmen favoring an investigation with a view to determining whether the company is entitled to raise the rates for service, or if it is merely taking advantage of the prevailing high prices in other lines to add to its income in respect of the cost of operation.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**  
At a previous meeting, President Weaver named a special committee headed by Joseph Mayer to confer with the officials of the company and report back. The report of this committee shows that the telephone com-

pany's expenses have increased approximately \$5,000 the year over these in the past, but the committee in its report also claims that the increased rates enable the company to not only pay this additional cost of operation, but to also make a large profit over that formerly realized. The committee in its report alleges that the increase brings in an additional gross profit of about \$10,000 from which to deduct the \$5,000 additional expenses.

Councilman Mayer presented a motion Monday night to instruct the city solicitor to appear before the public utilities commission and file proceedings to force the telephone company to show cause for this increase in rates.

This motion was favored by Mr. Mayer, Mr. Hookway and Mr. Cassil when the president called for remarks. Councilman Elder had nothing to say upon the subject and the remaining councilmen, Anskings, Warner and Williams declared themselves opposed to the plan until further investigation had been carried out.

## MOTION LOSES

After amending the motion to hold the matter up for one week the amendment was carried and then the original motion was lost. Mr. Mayer declared that he wanted his vote favoring the investigation written plain enough that anyone desiring to know his position in the matter could easily find out by looking at the minutes of the meeting. It was at this time that Councilman Hookway voiced his opinion of the council proceedings.

"I'm in favor of finishing what we start," he declared. "We have started this thing and I say carry it through. If the telephone company is entitled to the increase, let it have it, but we want to know."

The telephone proposition and the street railway cases occupied the greater part of the council meeting. In the matter of the removal of the rails belonging to the firm which purchased the street railway property from the streets, Councilman Anskings reported that his committee, appointed to confer with the Chamber of Commerce, wished to have a special meeting of council held Wednesday night in order to report after the matter has been taken up by the

commercial organization at its lunch on Wednesday.

## TO FIGHT RAIL CASE

The city is planning to fight the removal of the rails from the streets until it can, if possible, force the purchasers to re-lay the pavement thus disturbed. In connection with this an ordinance was passed Monday night making it unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to make any excavation in a street or disturb its surface without first filing a bond with the mayor to repair the damage thus caused. It is probable that the city will appeal to the court of appeals from the decision rendered against it by Judge Jewell in the common pleas court in the matter of the collection of paving assessments against the railway company. This matter, however, will not be definitely decided upon until the special committee reports Wednesday night.

The licensing ordinance providing for licensing pool and billiard rooms, racketeers, peddlers, hawkers and motion picture shows, were all voted down, it being understood that they will be presented embodied in one ordinance instead of separately in order to effect a saving in the expense of having them advertised as the law provides.

## PAVING ASSESSMENTS

By ordinance the New Knox National bank was accepted as a depository for the city's funds. Another ordinance authorizing the increasing of the salary of the chief of police to \$85 a month was passed. A third ordinance was passed providing for an assessment of \$7.21 the foot frontage of all properties abutting on Mulberry street between High street and Ohio avenue to pay for the paving of this section.

A report of the law committee, which had been instructed to investigate the proposal to codify the city ordinances and have them printed in book form was accepted by the council. The committee reported that it will probably cost about \$300 to have the ordinances codified and \$200 more to have them printed and bound.

E. C. Fleming attended the council meeting and petitioned for the opening of Patwin street between East Vine and Gambier streets. Mr. Fleming said that the property owner

whose land at present closes the street had agreed to donate the necessary land to the city if the city will move the fence back and lay a sidewalk along that portion of the street. This matter was referred to the street committee.

## PALMYRA

PALMYRA, Feb. 12.—Mr. and Mrs. Olin Bealand son, Donald, and Mrs. Anna Holm were Butler visitors Friday.

Mrs. B. C. Debolt and daughter, Ethel, attended the evangelistic services at the Church of Christ in Mt. Vernon Saturday and Sunday. Mrs. Debolt will spend some days visiting her sisters, Mrs. Charles Miller and Mrs. Fred Merrill.

Mrs. Pearl Green went to Mansfield Friday.

Mrs. Laura Green returned Friday from Columbus where she has been for the last three months. She is now being cared for in the home of her daughter, Mrs. Earnest Shuman.

Lewis Bechtel attended the funeral of Wilson Amsbaugh at Mansfield Saturday.

Mrs. Mary (Groh) Gifford returned last week from Camp Sheridan, Ala., where she has been visiting her husband.

Miss Alice Epley and Mr. Belmer McClade were married at the Methodist parsonage in Bellville Saturday evening.

Miss Emma Farquhar returned Saturday from a few days' visit with her niece, Miss Cleo Woodward, who is changing from O. W. U. to a college in Jackson, Tenn., where her parents recently located.

Richard Roberts returned Monday from Kent, where he has been visiting his son, Gilbert, who is suffering from a severe attack of the mumps.

## PLEASANT HILL

PLEASANT HILL, Feb. 12.—W. A. Gower has returned home after a visit with his sister, Martha Umphry, of near Pike.

Sunday school at Salem next Sunday at 1:30 p. m. Preaching will follow.

Miss Marie Page spent Sunday with Miss Valeda Wheatcraft. Mr. and Mrs. John Kunkle and daughter, Delsie, Owen Wheatcraft, Floyd Matthews, Cecil Page and Doyle Stake spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Swendal and family.

John Statler of Newark spent Saturday and Sunday with his mother, Mrs. Stella Statler.

The Y. P. A. class meeting will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Farst next Thursday evening. Ivan Statler spent Sunday afternoon with Glenn Freed.

## MARTINSBURG

MARTINSBURG, Feb. 12.—Prof. Lewis Cummins is the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Cummins.

Edgar Lescalleet of Utica spent the weekend with his family.

Mrs. Elmina Heskett fell at her home Sunday and injured her hip.

Miss Helen Allen of Delancey is spending a few weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Delmar Allen.

Mrs. Grace Tilton has returned from an extended visit with her sister, Mrs. T. J. Porterfield of Bladensburg.

Miss Elizabeth Ramsey spent the weekend with her parents, north of town.

Miss Maybelle Greene is visiting Mrs. George Melick of Bladensburg.

Sheriff Walter B. Mossholder of Mt. Vernon, Worth Henry, W. B. Shrontz and Ross Humphrey appeared the Hedy farm Saturday afternoon.

## KNOX COUNTY SAVINGS BANK

### Income Tax

Blanks on hand for convenience of our patrons.

Also  
Thrill Stamps  
War Stamps and  
Liberty Bonds

WEST SIDE PUBLIC SQUARE

S. H. Israel, President.  
B. D. Herron, Cashier.

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C. M. Clutter and Miss Ollie McKee were guests of Mr. and Mrs. David Schooler Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Alexander Smith is taking care of Mrs. Elmina Heskett.

Miss Emma McFarland is visiting friends in Newark.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Leonard have returned to their home in Akron after an extended visit with Mrs. Jane Magaw.

Mrs. Mary Crow and little son have gone to their home in Big Prairie after an extended visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Banty Behout.

Dist. Supt. M. C. Cummins and the teachers of the high school attended the teachers' meeting at Mt. Vernon Saturday.

## EAGLE GROVE

EAGLE GROVE, Feb. 12.—Frank Grant of Cleveland spent Saturday and Sunday with his mother, Mrs. Susan Grant.

M. M. Phillips and family spent Friday with his brother, Marshall Phillips, and wife.

Mr. and Mrs. Willis Parsons were in Mt. Vernon on business Monday.

William Morrison has sold his farm to Finley Auten.

Ardon Cole and family of Montana are visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler Cole.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Gilmore returned from Greer Sunday, where they attended the funeral of Mrs. Gilmore's father, Alexander Greer.

Cliff Cline and family spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Cline.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Grant spent Monday with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Coe of Mt. Vernon.

Mrs. Gertrude Bishop of Polaski visited with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Grossman, a few days last week.

B. W. Dill has bought a farm near Brandon and expects to move there the first of April.

Virgil Clawson of Mt. Vernon expects to move to the farm vacated by Mr. Dill.

Mr. and Mrs. Royal Loney and son, Doyle, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Shipley.

Frank Davis will move to the Keefe farm the first of March.

William Carson of Green Valley attended church at Berlin Sunday.

William Lett and his bride expect to go to housekeeping on the Norman Braddeck farm the first of April.

Sunday school at Berlin next Sunday at 10 a. m.

**AN EMPLOYMENT BUREAU MAY BE OPERATED HERE**

**Aim Is To Enable Local Women To Buy War Stamps**

**SYSTEM INJECTED IN REGISTRATION PLAN**

**Danville Cashier Renders A Timely Aid; Mitchell Store Shows Up Well**

According to a member of the women's unit of the local war savings committee, an interesting development is not unlikely as the result of last Friday's meeting at the Chamber of Commerce. This is nothing less than an employment bureau, conducted by the women and for the women of Mt. Vernon.

Several members of the committee have reported that they have been approached by women who said that they would be very glad to purchase war stamps if they could earn money to enable them to do so. It is believed that an employment bureau would furnish just the sort of assistance they require.

Owing to the tax on the facilities of the postoffices of the county to take care of the registration of war stamps, the following directions, systematizing the procedure, have been issued:

Postmasters at Bangs, Bladensburg, Martinsburg and Mt. Liberty will send stamps for registration to Centerburg.

Howard, Danville, Buckeye City and Brinkhaven will send them to Gambier.

Ankenytown, Democracy, Jelloway and Greer will send them to Fredericktown.

The Mt. Vernon office will take care of the city and adjacent territories.

But for the timely assistance of Cashier Dougherty of the Danville bank, last week's sales of war stamps

would have made a rather sorry showing. Mr. Dougherty, however, sent in a report of \$4,672 and this boosted the county total to \$8,600. C. B. Mitchell & Son, Millwood merchants, surprised the committee with sales of \$574.13.

## IS HE MARRIED OR IS HE NOT? BOARD WONDERS

**Registrant Has Wife And Children But Says Attorney Married Them**

**SCHOOL TEACHERS GET BUSY FOR GOVERNMENT**

**Information Concerning Occupations Of Registrants Is Compiled**

"Is he married, or does he merely think he is?" is the question that is bothering the local exemption board following the receipt of a questionnaire from a Danville registrant in which he gives the startling information that he has been married since 1911, has four children, that his wife is now 29 years of age and that the marriage ceremony was performed by a local attorney who, so far as is known, was never entitled to perform marriage ceremonies and would probably be as surprised as anyone else to discover that he has been given the honor of uniting two loving hearts in matrimonial bonds.

Fifteen teachers from the local schools worked at the office of the board Tuesday, filling out the cards designed to be used by the provost marshal. These cards contain information concerning the occupations of the registrants.

Miss Grace Headington was the winner of the race the teachers staged in filling out the cards, finishing 19 cards. Miss Ida Williams came second with 18. The teachers working Tuesday were: Miss Headington, Miss Williams, Mr. Cumliffe, Mrs. O'Bryan, Mrs. Seymour and the Misses Grant, Baird, Devalon, Leonard, Singer, Zemer, Wood, Brannan, McKay and Matthews.

The following questionnaires were passed upon by the local board Tuesday:

Men with dependent wives—Arlo L. Newell and B. H. Patterson.  
Men without dependents—John Davidson and Alfred E. Gutton.  
Class 1—Dee E. Whitels.

**LINCOLN BIRTHDAY PROGRAM IS GIVEN BY S. V. AUXILIARY**

The Sons of Veterans Auxiliary entertained Tuesday evening with the following interesting program in honor of Lincoln's birthday:

"Lincoln's Gettysburg Address"—Mrs. Flora Bunn.  
Reading, "The Inefficiency of Lincoln"—Mrs. Mary Clements.  
Solo—Mrs. Ruby Baker.

Reading—Mrs. Josephine Stevens.  
Address, Rev. M. S. Freeman, after which Mr. Woolson spoke of and explained the thrift stamp campaign.

**PHOTO OF LOCAL BOY APPEARS IN HOUSE MAGAZINE**

A photograph of Desaut B. Kirk, son of Mrs. W. H. Kirk, East High street, appears in the January issue of The Burroughs Magazine, published by the Burroughs Adding Machine Co., of which Mr. Kirk was an employee in the advertising department prior to his enlistment in the U. S. army, under the heading, "He's Eager for the Fray." Mr. Kirk is in the heavy artillery division of the army in training at Fort Wright, New York.

**LONEY BREAKS ARM WHILE WORKING AT PENNSYLVANIA SHOPS**

Lawrence Loney sustained a fracture of his right arm Tuesday morning when a 35-pound jack fell on it at the Pennsylvania shops where Loney is employed. The fracture was reduced by a physician.

**MAYOR COMMENDED**

Mayor Bair was presented with a resolution Monday afternoon where in the Wesleyan Bible class of the M. E. church endorsed his action in his recent seizure of beer consigned to this city.

## SOCIETY NOTES

**Enjoy Dance Monday**

About sixty couples enjoyed a dance in the K. of C. hall Monday evening. Ralls' trio furnished music for the dance.

**Mr. and Mrs. Proper Are Honored**

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Tinkey entertained with a six o'clock dinner at their home Monday evening, honoring Mr. and Mrs. Andrew E. Proper, who celebrated their fourth wedding anniversary on the same day.

**Welker-Doup Nuptials**

Mr. Wilber Welker, of 290 South Harrison street, and Miss Sadie Doup of Amity were united in marriage at the home of the officiating minister, Rev. S. T. Allen, East Chestnut street, Wednesday morning at 11:20 o'clock. They will reside at 290 South Harrison street.

**Doyle-McCreary Wedding**

Wesley John Doyle of Camp Sherman, Chillicothe, and Miss Maude McCreary of this city were united in marriage at the home of the officiating minister, the Rev. J. A. Long, at 5 o'clock Tuesday evening. Mr. Doyle was formerly of Buffalo, N. Y., but expects to go to France in the near future. Mrs. Doyle expects to remain here.

**Annual Dance Of The Elks**

War-time modesty marked the annual dance Monday evening of Mt. Vernon Lodge, No. 140, B. P. O. Elks, which was attended by about sixty couples.

The decorations of the hall, not nearly as elaborate as is usually the case but equally as effective, used the national colors as a basis, working the same into a small frieze which ran about the walls of the hall and into two booths at the east end where punch was dispensed and where Parker's eight-piece orchestra of Columbus played. In a recess between the booths the Elks' clock, with hands pointing at the hour of eleven, a full elk's head and an American flag, illuminated by a spotlight and kept in motion by an electric fan, were displayed. About the sidewalls were plaques wound with red-white-and-blue, and twelve piano lamps. The effect was not only beautiful, but very appropriate.

Shortly after 9 o'clock, the grand march was led by Exalted Ruler and Mrs. O. Guy Taylor. Dancing continued until 6 o'clock Tuesday morning. Sandwiches and coffee were served.

The following is the guest list:

Mr. and Mrs. Harry S. Dunn, Herbert W. Hosack, Miss Josephine A. Ritchie, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Simpkins, Samuel J. Wharton, Miss Ida Holst, Mr. and Mrs. O. Guy Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Wachner, Mr. and Mrs. John M. Woolson, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde G. Church, Mrs. Charles Church, Dr. and Mrs. E. C. Beggis, Robert Cochran, Miss Eva Hosc, Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Kring, Mr. and Mrs. Elvin Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Frank L. Young, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Chester, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. McCullough, Miss Helen B. Darling, Mr. and Mrs. Henry M. Zelandt, Mr. and Mrs. Roll Cole, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Dennis, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Appleton, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey J. Moore, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Lybarger, C. F. Allending, Miss Florence Barre, J. B. Collins, Miss Diane Whitman, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Shellenbarger, Mrs. Fred Harrison, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Stoyke, Miss Ida Shutt, Mr. and Mrs. J. William Lee, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Shipley, George Porterfield, Miss Ethel Powell, Owen Parker, Miss Edna Cranmer, Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Whitman, Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Tuttle, J. F. Cooper, Miss Mayme Temple, Mr. and Mrs. John S. Gotshall, John M. Jorpe, Miss Elizabeth Jones, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Westrich, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Parker, F. J. Kelley, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Rawlins, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Kelley, Charles Cervinka, Miss Edna Fletcher, Dr. and Mrs. S. E. Decey, Mrs. William S. Decey, Hoy H. Jenkins, Miss Luella Linn, Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Jenkins, Mr. and Mrs. John J. Pfouts, William M. Koons, Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Baker, Donald H. Harper, Miss Irene Cooper, Miss Louise Cooper, R. A. Taugher, Miss Margaret Kelley, Charles Mills, Jr., Miss Elizabeth Brock, Dr. A. G. Eichel, Miss Mary Beggis, Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Stamm, Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Neass, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Carr, F. J. Lawler, Miss Laverne Milt, Miss Elizabeth Pooncy, Lowell Meyers, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Burnett, Mr. and Mrs. Karl M. Friel, Mrs. William Zorn, Mr. and Mrs. Walter C. Curtis, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Greer, L. H. Reed, Miss Doyin, Mr. and Mrs. Shirley Spence, Miss Jocelyn Emsweller, Mr. and Mrs. Otto S. Baker, Warner Devos, Miss Mabel Jones, Irvin Milt, Miss Marguerite McKee, Pierce Thayer, Will J. Welsh, Donald M. Snow, Miss Mary George, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hancock, Miss Mabel Stauffer.

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